Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: Which Chairman please?

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: The Chairman of the Chittur Municipality. No action has been taken by Government till now. I do not want to give you a detailed account of it now.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will it be remedied by the appointment of a Commissioner?

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: The Advocate-General had been detailing to you all the powers vested in the Government for removing the Chairman, for taking the Chairman to task. Whether they have done or is going to do so in the matter of the Chittur Municipality is yet to be seen.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: You bring the allegations and proof.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: I do not want to bring the allegations now, because I understand that they are under consideration. A vote of censure is quite impossible to bring, because it has been stated in this Council by somebody that people get themselves elected by some unknown means and the Chairman also gets himself elected by unknown means. In that case, how is it possible to get the consent of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the members in a Council of 16.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur)*: Was not the Hon'ble Member himself a Chairman?

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: Certainly I was for a long time and I would have continued if I had recourse to questionable means. The Advocate-General said that Government possesses the powers of supersession. Circumstances have changed. We ought to adapt ourselves to circumstances.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: What are the changes except the personnel of the Chairman? I should like to know that.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: It is almost in a sort of sub-judice. When the Government comes forward to oppose it, I think there is some under-current working.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: This allegation I most emphatically repudiate and Government will never spare any Municipality be it Chittur or any other Municipality if there is mal-administration.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: I emphatically assert it.

Deputy President: Mr. Eachara Menon, you will have to substantiate your statement.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: Once it has been brought to the notice of the Government. Government have taken no action on it. That is my inference. Not only that, I do not think that favouritism cumnepotism can go any further than as can be seen by the opposition of the Government.

Motion put and lost

(4) The Cochin Tenancy Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: From what has been stated by the Hon'ble Advocate-General yesterday, I find that the whole question of renewal fee is going to be considered and reconsidered by the Government. In fact on the floor of this House during the last session of the Council I had the good fortune of bringing a resolution to the effect that the whole tenancy legislation should be revised. That resolution is still before the eyes of Government. I am very glad to find, and I ought to congratulate the Government—that it has been responsive to the wishes of the House. I want to make only one statement. When the Verumpattam Bill has been accepted and has become law, to me it appears that there is no basis for renewal free for other tenures, because the other tenures are being considered as more favourable than a verumpattam tenancy. When the verumpattam tenant gets fixity of tenure without renewal fee, it stands to reason that the others should be brought at least to that level. That is the object and provocation of this Bill. Now that a very responsive and sympathetic statement has been made by the Government, I believe it is unnecessary to move the Bill at present. I, therefore, do not move it now.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 26—*(cont.)*

Clubbing certain Backward Communities with the Pulayas for purposes of the Staff Selection Rules

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